

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 1-11 and 13 are pending in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101:

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion, the preamble of claim 13 now recites "A computer program product containing computer readable medium encoded with program instructions...." Redundant subject matter in other parts of claim 13 has been deleted. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification and Claims:

Section 1(b) of the Office Action requests removal of the extraneous phrase "address with said multicast address" at the end of claim 13. This request is somewhat unclear to Applicant since "address with said multicast address" does not explicitly appear at the end of claim 13. However, in an abundance of caution, the recitation of "the data block being addressed with said multicast address" at the very end of claim 13 has been removed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 13 be withdrawn.

Section 1(c) of the Office Action requests that the Applicant provide appropriate headers in the specification. This request is not entirely understood since Applicant's Amendment/Response filed September 10, 2004 (see page 4) adds appropriate section headings in the specification. However, in an abundance of caution, Applicant has again

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presented the section headings as amendments to the specification. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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